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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
House Committee on Appropriations
2413 Rayburn House Office Bldg.
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The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1026 Longworth House Office Bldg.
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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for United Way of the Wyoming Valley's Improving the Odds of Success for At-risk Children project in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is United Way of Wyoming Valley, located at 100 North Pennsylvania Ave, 2nd Floor, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701. The funding would be used for United Ways of Pocono Mountains, Wyoming Valley, Lackawanna/Wayne, and the Greater Hazleton Region's partnership to provide a number of key interventions and programs to help at-risk children and their families within the 8th District. Key interventions include in-home visits; vision, hearing, speech, cognitive and dental screenings; monthly subscriptions to new books; literacy kits with books and activities; and early learning pre-K tuition. Programming includes: School-based Community Navigator to reduce absenteeism and improve educational outcomes for the highest-risk students; a Diverse Educator Pathway Program to encourage marginalized populations, namely students of color, to pursue a degree in education; Pre-K Nutritionist as instructor to reinforce healthy eating habits; Transforming Readers, which pairs senior volunteers with first and second graders; STEM Programming in afterschool sites; and Behavioral Teacher Training to help teachers respond to behavioral issues.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Matt Cartwright
Member of Congress